GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services - PR&RD Dept., - Initiation of disciplinary proceedings against Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District (Now Retired), for failure to do the financial transactions as per the rules and regulations and misappropriated Gram Panchayat funds and failed to supervise the maintenance of Gram Panchayat records i.e., Demand Register, Collection Register and cash books properly, under the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services(CCA) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule 9 (2) (b) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 658 **Dated: 22-11-2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Letter No.2321979/CPR&RD/B1/2024, Dt:30/03/2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.68, PR&RD (VIG.III) Dept., dt:22/11/2024.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri S.V.S.Prasad Special Officer/MPDO, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District (Now Retired), for his failure to do the financial transactions as per the rules and regulations and misappropriated Gram Panchayat funds and also failed to supervise the maintenance of Gram Panchayat records i.e., Demand Register, Collection Register and cash books properly, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held, is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District (Now Retired) is directed to submit his written statement of defense within 10 days of the receipt of this orders.

4. He is informed that, an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District (Now Retired) is further informed that, if he does not

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submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District (Now Retired) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that, Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District (Now Retired) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District (now retired) through the Director, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Director, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District (with a request to serve on the Charged Officer and send the same with dated acknowledgement for record).
Copy to
The Chief Executive Officer, Kakinada, (erstwhile East Godavari District).
The OSD to Dy. CM(PR&RD, RWS and EFS&T).
The PS to Prl. Secy., (PR&RD).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.V.S.PRASAD, THE THEN SPECIAL OFFICER/MPDO, DEVARAPALLI, MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED)

Charge-1: That Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, has not properly done the financial transactions as per the rules and regulations of the Government.

Charge-2: That Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, needs to supervise the maintenance of Gram Panchayat records i.e., Demand Register, Collection Register and cash books properly.

Charge-3: On verification of Gram Panchayat records in the year 2020-21, no vouchers were produced for the amount of Rs.24274/- as detailed below:-

Voucher No. 205/2020-21 : Rs.23500/-
Voucher No.215/2020-21 : Rs.100/-
Voucher No.217/2020-21 : Rs.674/-

As thus the amount Rs. 24274/- is misappropriated. Out of the amount of Rs.24274/- Sri S.V.S.Prasad is responsible for Rs.12137/-

Charge-4: No receipt is available and no verification was done by AE, RWS for Rs. 10,000/- in voucher No. 274/2020-21, Dt.15.02.2021 and vouchers have yet to be submitted for Rs.780/- out of Rs.15180/- in voucher No. 272/2020 - 2021, Dt.15.02.2021. Accordingly, an amount of Rs.10,780/- misappropriated. On which, Sri S.V.S.Prasad is responsible for Rs.5,390/-.

Thereby, it exhibits his dereliction in discharge of his legitimate duties and acts. Thus, he violated the Rule 3 of (1) to (4) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.V.S.PRASAD, THE THEN SPECIAL OFFICER, DEVARAPALLI MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED).

Sri Kairam Apparao R/o Devarapalli Gram Panchayat, Devarapalli (M) has submitted a complaint before Hon'ble Lokayukta, Andhra Pradesh on 10.05.2023 levelling certain allegations against the Panchayat Secretary, Devarapalli Gram Panchayat, Devarapalli (M) that, the individual is not discharging his official duties as per Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 and therefore requested to conduct enquiry against the individual.

The Hon'ble Lokayukta, Andhra Pradesh has requested the District Panchayat Officer, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram to investigate and submit a report on the allegations mentioned in Lokayukta Complaint No. 2305/2022/B2 filed by Sri Kairam Apparao, S/o Somanna of Devarapalli village on 10.05.2023. The Divisional Panchayat Officer, Kovvur was instructed to examine the record and submit a report on the said complaint as per the orders of the Hon'ble Lokayukta.

In Lokayukta's complaint reported that, the previous Panchayat Secretaries of Devarapalli Gram Panchayat had collected the house tax and not deposited it into the funds of the Gram Panchayat, causing a loss to Government. The Divisional Panchayat Officer verified the Demand register for house tax and tap tax, bill collector's collection register, cash book, challans of 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and submitted his report.

It is also reported that the complainant stated in the Lokayuktha complaint that an account bearing No.62478647442 opened account in the State Bank of India, Devarapalli Branch in the name of Devarapalli Panchayat Secretary by erstwhile secretaries and cash and checks paid for the house taxes of the houses in the village were deposited in the bank account and not credited to the Panchayat funds, causing loss to the village Panchayat. Example: Complainant that Parameshwara Biotech has deposited Rs.5,27,030/- to Gram Panchayat for the years 2018-19, 2019- 20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 in the State Bank of India Devarapalli bank account in the name of Devarapalli Panchayat Secretary mentioned.

Therefore, that Sri S.V.S.Prasad, the then Special Officer/MPDO, has failed to supervise the maintenance of Gram Panchayat records i.e., Demand Register, Collection Register and cash books properly, for which caused to the misappropriation of Gram Panchayat funds by the Panchayat Secretaries.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.V.S.PRASAD, THE THEN SPECIAL OFFICER/MPDO, DEVARAPALLI MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

From the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Letter No.2321979/CPR&RD/B1/2024, Dt.30/03/2024.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.V.S.PRASAD, THE THEN SPECIAL OFFICER/MPDO, DEVARAPALLI MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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